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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AM CAPACITY INCREASE

1. PAN AMERICAN PLANS TO INCREASE ITS CAPACITY TO
BRAZIL EFFECTIVE APRIL 30, 1978. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED
TO SUBMIT TO FONMIN DIPLOMATIC NOTE ALONG FOLLOWING
LINES:

2. " ... AND HAS THE HONOR TO TRANSMIT IN ACCORDANCE
WITH PARAGRAPH ONE, ANNEX B OF THE FINAL ACT OF
DECEMBER 10, 1968, THE FOLLOWING CHANGES WHICH PAN
AMERICAN WOROLD AIRWAYS PROPOSES TO MAKE IN ITS
SERVICE TO BRAZIL EFFECTIVE APRIL 30, 1978:

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(1) ON THE RIO DE JANEIRO-BUENOS AIRES SECTOR, THE
CURRENTLY OPERATED FIVE ROUNDTRIP WEEKLY FREQUENCIES
ARE TO BE INCREASED TO SEVEN. B-747 EQUIPMENT IS TO
BE UTILIZED ON THE PROPOSED TWO NEW FREQUENCIES. THE
FIVE REMAINING FREQUENCIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE SERVED
WITH B-707 AIRCRAFT.

(2) ON THE RIO DE JANEIRO-JOHANNESBURG SECTOR, B-747
AIRCRAFT ARE TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR B-707 AIRCRAFT ON
ONE OF THE TWO WEEKLY ROUNDTRIP FREQUENCIES BEING

OPERATED.

(3) ON THE CALIFORNIA-RIO DE JANEIRO SECTOR,
GUATEMALA AND PANAMA CITY ARE TO BE SUBSTITUTED FOR
CARACAS ON ONE B-747 WEEKLY ROUNDTRIP FREQUENCY
OPERATED BETWEEN CALIFORNIA AND RIO DE JANEIRO. THIS

INCREASE IN CAPACITY HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN LIGHT OF SECTION V OF THE
ANNEX TO THE US-BRAZILIAN AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT, AS
AMENDED, THE RELATED EXCHANGE OF NOTES, AND OTHER
PERTINENT FACTORS, AND HAS BEEN FOUND TO BE APPROPRIATE.
(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE)"

3. FYI: IN THE RIO DE JANEIRO BUENOS AIRES MARKET,
PAN AM REPORTS FOR CY 1977 AN AVERAGE SEAT FACTOR OF
55 PERCENT WITH SEAT FACTORS AVERAGING AS HIGH AS
71 PERCENT FOR SOME MONTHS. DURING 1977 TOTAL
PASSENGER TRAFFIC VOLUME BETWEEN RIO DE JANEIRO AND
BUENOS AIRES/MONTEVIDEO ROSE BY APPROXIMATELY 132
PERCENT. IN THE RIO DE JANEIRO-JOHANNESBURG MARKET,

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THE 1977 AVERAGE SEAT FACTOR WAS 37 PERCENT, WITH SEAT
FACTORS REACHING 55 PERCENT IN SOME OF THE MONTHS.
TOTAL TRAFFIC IN THIS MARKET WAS UP BY SOME 51 PERCENT.
END FYI. VANCE

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